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Councillor says supermarket chain forced out-of-town plans



A computer-generated image of how the proposed store could look

'BLACKMAIL' ON SHOP SITE

A COUNCILLOR has accused Waitrose of "virtual blackmail" after the supermarket chain said the only viable option for a new store in Banbury was an out-of-town location.

Cherwell district councillors approved plans for the new superstore on land in Southam Road.

But district councillor Chris Heath said: "We are virtually being blackmailed. They say they will only come to Banbury if they can have the out-of-town site. Well, what you have never had you cannot miss."

"It is the complete wrong location. It is already one of the most congested roads going into Banbury. It is ludicrous."

Waitrose said it had a long-standing ambition to open in the town, although other locations such as in the town centre were "not viable".

Speaking on behalf of the John Lewis Partnership, Martin Gorman said: "Southam Road was the only viable option for a sustainable development."

Waitrose spokesman James Armstrong added: "We gave the Castle Quay scheme serious consideration."

"We had meetings with senior officers at Cherwell District Council, the agent acting on behalf of the applicant and their development partner."

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A different perspective of the supermarket



"After a detailed review, we concluded it was not a viable option, which was supported by the planner's report."

"We would not wish to open a store which we felt was at risk of closure in the future and put at risk the 200 jobs of those local people it would employ."

The new store will be single-storey with a 220-space car park.

Objectors had welcomed the store plan, but said Southam Road was the wrong location and could have a negative impact on the town centre.

Banbury Civic Society agreed that, although it would welcome the store, the out-of-town site was not suitable.

Spokesman Peter Monk said: "The society does not oppose the provision

of additional food supermarkets in Banbury, but we already have car-served out-of-town supermarkets. It is not a sustainable development."

Cherwell District Council's lead member for planning, Michael Gibbard, said: "We are aware that some felt this was not the correct place in Banbury for a new supermarket."

"However, the council took independent advice, which showed the store would not have a significant detrimental effect on town centre trade and it will create increased shopping opportunities for residents."

The aim is to start building work on the site by early 2016, for completion in time for Banbury's new Waitrose to open in early 2017.

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Banbury Mayor Tony Mepham

A Christmas gift for victims of violence

A CHRISTMAS appeal to help victims of domestic violence has been launched in Banbury.

Supported by Town Mayor Tony Mepham, the appeal is looking for donations of goods and gifts for women and children based at the Banbury Women's Refuge.

Items required include nappies, wet wipes, clothes, dried or tinned food, and soft toys. Mr Mepham said: "One in 10 lives are affected by domestic abuse."

"The refuge provides a secure and safe home for those who have suffered violence in their relationships."

"Many of the women at the refuge left home hurriedly and are in need of many everyday, and some luxury, items."

"I would like to do something this Christmas to make their lives better."

Donations can be dropped off at Banbury Town Hall in Bridge

Street on weekdays between 9am and 4pm by Friday, December 11.

Karen Diver, of Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Service (ODAS) which runs the centre, said:

"We are here to provide a confidential, safe and secure environment for women and their children who are escaping from domestic abuse."

"While they are with us they can get back their freedom of choice and their self-esteem."

"Our first aim is to provide safety and security. Then to think about, and plan, the future."

"This appeal will make Christmas more enjoyable for the women and children who, through no fault of their own, find themselves at this refuge during what should be a happy family time of the year."

ODAS is supported through Oxfordshire County Council funding.

Man's voyage across world in 80 dances

Adventurer Aseem has begun his expedition doing 'tango-thons' to raise money for Parkinson's UK

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PHILEAS Fogg's 80-day voyage involved railways and steamboats.

On Saturday, Aseem Bandali, from Banbury, started an 80-day pilgrimage of his own, not quite circumnavigating the globe, but to the birthplace of South America's Argentinian tango, relying on his dancing shoes.

Former social worker Mr Bandali, who recently took a career break and has been practising the tango for three years, will start in Oxford, travelling through France, Spain, Gibraltar and Morocco before heading to Argentina, while raising money for Parkinson's UK.

He has been inspired by his friend and fellow tango dancer Antony Brown, 74, who was diagnosed with Parkinson's in 2008.

The 43-year-old, a member of the Tango Aurora Oxford group, said: "It all started when I was living in London four years ago where I was dating a jazz composer. We went along to a one-off tango session and from then I was hooked."

"When I moved to Oxford, I found out my landlady had also taken tango lessons, so it meant I could find a group here in the city to practise with."

"Earlier this year I had been thinking about doing an adventure and tango has been a passion of mine, so I thought why not combine them and do a holiday to Argentina."

"Antony is a part of the group I am in, I have other friends that have been supported by the charity and that's why I went to one of their monthly meetings to say that I would be willing to support them."

During the "Tango-thon" he will perform at various social dances in the countries he visits, while also stopping off to volunteer for various projects in return for meals and a bed.

On Saturday, he left Oxford from the group's base at the North Hinksey Women's Institute in Botley at 3pm, before staying with family and friends in London. From there he will travel to Paris and volunteer with Le Puy-Batard, a charity which organises holidays for children with physical disabilities.

After crossing Europe he is aiming to travel to Morocco by boat, before catching a cargo ship to Buenos Aires - hopefully arriving 80 days after his adventure started.

The Banbury resident said: "I'm looking forward to the excitement and the adventure, I love travelling and meeting new people who speak different languages."

"The most difficult thing is obviously



Aseem Bandali dancing with Lyndsey Mooring

Picture: Kirsty Edmonds

the unknown, you don't know if the boat connection you need will be available for example. A million things could go wrong but you have to put it into perspective of what I want to achieve."

During his journey Mr Bandali is hoping to raise £1,000 to support the charity, but with a week to go has already collected £800.

To attract more funding the dancer has also offered to use his car as an advertising billboard for companies who are willing to pay in return for the

publicity, but so far he has not had any takers.

Parkinson's UK director of fundraising Paul Jackson-Clark said: "I'd like to wish Aseem the very best of luck with his challenge. Dancing can be incredibly beneficial for many people with Parkinson's."

"Apart from being a very enjoyable social activity, it can help with movement, balance and flexibility."

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Police chief's relief as Chancellor drops cuts plan

THE Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley Police has said he is "absolutely delighted" that large cuts planned for police forces have been scrapped.

Chancellor George Osborne avoided making the expected cuts, dubbed as "catastrophic", in his Autumn Statement last week.

PCC Anthony Stansfeld had previously feared Thames Valley Police would lose between 25 and 40 per cent of its Government grant, which currently

provides 66 per cent of its annual funding.

Had the cuts been implemented, he estimated, 1,000 police jobs could have been lost in the force.

Speaking to the *Banbury Cake*, he said: "I am absolutely delighted that the very large cuts that were planned for policing have not gone ahead."

"Over recent weeks, I have spoken to both the Home Secretary and the Prime Minister about the proposed cuts and the challenges it would bring to the delivery of front line policing."

"I am pleased that senior politicians have listened and the adverse impact of the cuts has been recognised."

In his statement to Parliament, Mr Osborne said it was "not the time for further police cuts" and that it was time "to back our police and give them the tools to do the job".

Mr Stansfeld added that he would need to look at the details to "understand fully" what it meant for TVP's budget, and that he would receive more information on the force's annual allocation before Christmas.

NHS agency pay cap praised

HOSPITAL bosses welcomed a national crackdown on the amount of cash agencies can charge them for providing staff.

The Government has introduced an hourly price cap on staffing agencies, which sets the amount they can charge hospitals per shift for doctors, nurses and non-clinical personnel.

Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt said the clampdown would save the NHS £1bn over three years by stopping agencies charging up to £1,800 for a standard shift for a nurse and £3,500 for a

weekend shift for a doctor.

It comes after it was revealed that Oxfordshire hospitals are losing more than 1,500 of their own staff every year due to high living costs in the county.

Figures revealed Oxford University Hospitals Foundation Trust spent £22.8m on bank and agency staff costs between April and September.

The average monthly cost of agency and bank workers rose by nearly half a million pounds to £3.8m during this financial year compared to 2014-15.

The trust's organisational

development and workforce director, Mark Power, welcomed the new cap, saying: "We anticipate the cap will reduce the amount the trust spends on agency staff by encouraging staff to return to permanent and bank working."

"We continue to mitigate the use of high-cost agency staff through ongoing recruitment drives for permanent staff."

Regulators will set targets on the overall amount of cash that each NHS organisation can spend on agency staff, as well as launching a consultation.

Family's tool hire store back open after fire disaster

Shop burned to the ground two years ago, but company managed to remain afloat



Managing director Steve Moore is back in Beaumont Road with a new building after the fire devastation

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A FAMILY-run business in Banbury has risen from the ashes, two years after its base was destroyed by fire.

Gem Tool Hire's owners watched their shop burn to the ground when flames spread from Oak Cash and Carry in December 2013, causing £1.5 million damage.

But on the second anniversary of the blaze, the hire service and shop has opened again on the same site in Beaumont Road.

Steve Moore said his father, Gordon, who started the business in 1979, had wanted to be present for the unveiling.

But he added: "He passed away last year, just as we were rebuilding. We were hoping to get it all started, so he could see it."

"He saw the building skeleton, but he was trying to hang on until it was done."

Almost 100 firefighters from Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Warwickshire and Northamptonshire battled the blaze on Friday, December 6, 2013.

Mr Moore said: "We have been in limbo land for two years. It is a huge weight off our shoulders."

"We are going to continue with what we do best. We expanded our e-commerce division which is based in our Bicester site and obviously that helped us to stay afloat during the past two years."

"When the fire happened, the officer for the local estate agent managed to make his way through and he gave us a key to a unit two doors down from where we were."

"On the Monday morning we were trading again and by Tuesday we had computers."

Despite losing all its stock in the fire, the company was still able to operate its hire service from a temporary unit.

Director Carl Ashford said: "We have had to start almost from scratch. We think the damage has been about £1.5 million in total, but that does not take into account the loss of sales we've had from not having the shop open. We think we've lost £25,000 per month on sales."

The shop hires and sells power tools and cleaning products for renovation and decoration.

Meanwhile, Tapi Carpets and Floors has opened a shop in Lockheed Close, led by manager Andy Barber.

Tapi chief executive Martin Harris said: "As Britain's fastest growing new carpet and floor retailer, we have identified Banbury as a forward-thinking, inspiring interiors hub."

MP tours latest housing projects

BANBURY MP Victoria Prentis has been on a tour of the town's latest housing projects.

Mrs Prentis visited the Orchard in Warwick Road, where 16 shared-ownership homes are being finished, and 15 affordable rent apartments at Calthorpe House in Calthorpe Street. Both projects are supported by Cherwell District Council's Build! team, which gives people on the housing register the opportunity to find affordable housing.

Mrs Prentis said: "The Build! programme is a



Town MP Victoria Prentis

fantastic initiative from Cherwell District Council which allows people to get on to the housing ladder, or to rent affordably, and to be a part of the

development of their property. It also ensures a good use of brownfield sites that may otherwise lay empty for extended periods of time.

"I was very fortunate to have the chance to build my own home, and I know how rewarding it is when you can finally move in."

Cherwell's lead member for housing, John Donaldson, said:

"Housing issues remain a topical issue and we are proactively working to address that problem by regenerating brownfield sites to deliver affordable housing schemes."

Housebuilder boosts club funds

A NORTH Oxfordshire football club has received a donation of £150 from a housebuilder.

Adderbury Park Football Club was given the money by David Wilson Homes, which has built a development at

Adderbury Fields in Milton Road.

In exchange, the club has donated a shirt to take pride of place in a show home.

Club chairman James Collier said: "For the club to be involved in the

grand opening of these homes was a great privilege and to see an Adderbury Park shirt as part of the show home was something special."

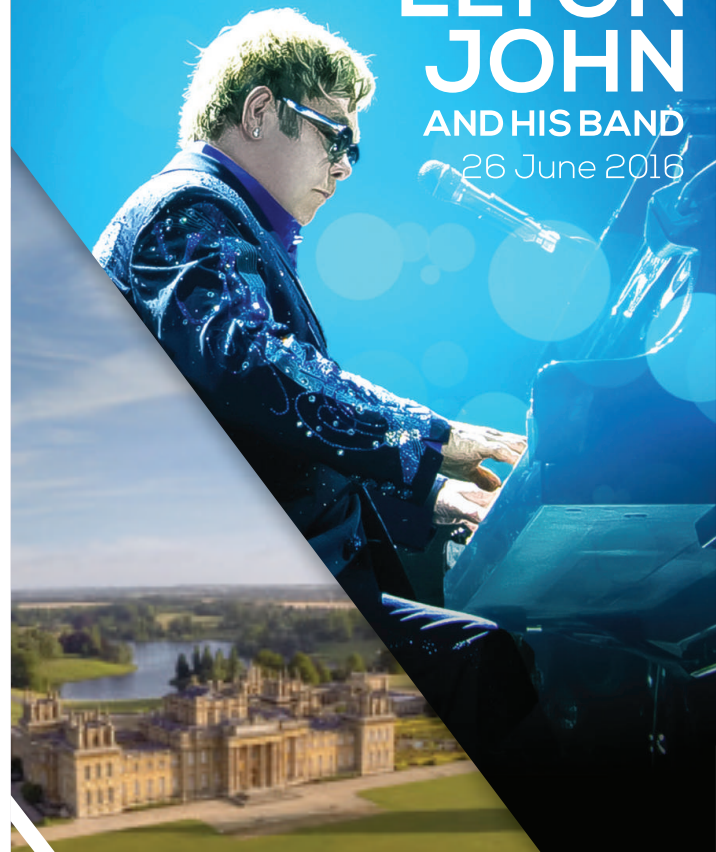
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Fire alarms fines

N OXON: Landlords face a financial penalty of up to £5,000 if they fail to ensure working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms have been fitted in the properties they rent out, it has been warned.

Cherwell District Council said local authorities could set their own fines. It has set a three-tier system, with £2,500 for the first offence, rising to £3,500 and £5,000 for further offences.

Councillor John Donaldson, lead member for housing, said: "The Government wants to improve standards in the private rented sector. These new regulations mean that no one can get away with letting unsafe accommodation."

Dozens of employees from recycling depots celebrate achieving qualifications



Debbie Pickford

EMPLOYEES from recycling depots across Cherwell are celebrating after dedicating nearly 300 hours studying for the job.

More than 100 employees across the district have tackled the target to gain qualifications in the industry.

The training course was run by the Waste Management Industry Training and Advisory Board (WAMITAB) which is a charity supporting those working in the industry.

Cherwell District Council's lead member for clean and green Debbie Pickford said:

"This is a fantastic achievement for every single one of the operatives who have achieved this diploma and they should be very proud.

"Not only will it assist them in their day-to-day work, it will provide them with a recognised qualification that demonstrates their specialised knowledge and understanding of recycling issues."

The group averaged 296 hours of training individually and included 43 employees from Banbury, 27 from Bicester and 43 from Towcester.

On completing the course

each employee earned the diploma and a recognised industry qualification.

The course was set up by the charity was open to staff across the shared environmental services at Cherwell District and South Northamptonshire councils.

Courses taught employees skills for recycling collection and separation, such as the process used for small electrical items.

The 113 staff were presented with their diplomas at ceremonies throughout the past week.

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Sibford School pupils with villager Bill Crabtree. Together they planted a new apple orchard

Orchard blooms thanks to pupils

Young students work with shepherd to plant locally produced fruit varieties

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A NEW apple orchard celebrating varieties from Oxfordshire and neighbouring counties is now growing near Banbury, thanks to a group of school pupils.

A team of children from Sibford School, in Sibford Ferris, partnered with villager Bill Crabtree to plant 15 trees in Holly Tree Field, at the edge of school's campus. Mr Crabtree, who uses the field to graze his sheep, noticed that two of the

apple trees were in a poor state. But what could have been simply a couple of replacement trees soon turned into a whole new orchard. The trees came from Marcus Roberts, whose daughter Abigail has recently joined the school. As the founder of the Mid Shires Orchard Group, he supplies trees to the National Trust and other historic properties and has also helped chef Raymond Blanc create his own heritage orchard.

He said: "Children really enjoy growing and harvesting fruit, it gives them a real sense of connection and can be a very calming experience. I was delighted to be able to select and supply the trees and trust that the children will enjoy finding out more about the different varieties."

The project was sponsored by

Mr Crabtree and his wife Barbara, as well as parents and staff.

Pupils of Sibford School's Year 10 and Year 11 horticultural class planted the new orchard with the help of their director of studies Andy Newbold, who is also a keen horticulturalist, teacher Angy Bovill and Mr Crabtree.

Each tree has been individually fenced to protect it from the grazing sheep.

Several varieties from Oxfordshire will now grow in Sibford School's new orchard, including the Bampton Fairing, which is said to ripen in time for the Bampton Fair on the last Thursday of October: the Hanwell Souring, the North Aston Nonpareil, the Deddington Pippin, the Blenheim Orange and the Wolvercote Wonder.

A light to remember at big Christmas launch



Singer Sam Bailey, above, had a landmark day in Banbury when she turned on the Christmas lights; Sam and son Kirsty Leahy of Banbury Sound, Mayor and Mayoress Tony and Lesley Mephram, below; watching through barriers, Leon Sisson, Liam Northam, Jake Sisson, Paige Sisson and Jason Northam; a stilt walker lit by the festive display

X Factor star launches town's festive season as her daughter takes first steps at Town Hall

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SWITCHING on Banbury's Christmas lights proved extra special for *X Factor* winner Sam Bailey.

The singer said: "My 14-month-old daughter, Miley, walked for the first time at the Town Hall.

"So not only have I been to a fabulous lights switch-on, but my baby took her first steps. It has been a day to remember."

Thousands braved the wind and rain to welcome in the festive season.

Mrs Bailey, who won over viewers in the ITV talent show in 2013, launched the streets into a wonderland of lights alongside town mayor Tony Mephram and St Nicholas himself.

Councillor Mephram said: "The weather was appalling but the show went on. "All the stage acts were good and Sam Bailey was a great star guest.

"But maybe the real stars were all the people who came out in the rain to support what was once again a terrific Christmas lights switch-on."

Mrs Bailey is appearing in the pantomime *Dick Whittington* at Aylesbury this season and will star in the musical *Chicago* next year, including at the New Theatre, Oxford.



Five-year-olds Dakota Hillerby-Morris and Izzy Morris, above; Beyoncé tribute act Reyoncé, right; a warm welcome to the audience in the rain





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M40 pile-up

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Thames Valley Police said the crash happened at 7.15am between the Banbury and Cherwell Valley Services junctions and a mixture of cars and vans were believed to be involved.

A spokeswoman for South Central Ambulance said: "One male has been taken to the Horton General Hospital with chest injuries."

Congestion built up between Junctions 11 and 10 but was cleared by about 9am.

Driver sought

BANBURY: A driver who hit another car in a queue of traffic then drove off is being hunted by police.

Thames Valley Police said the driver of a red car, possibly a Ford Fiesta, hit a light green Ford Fiesta which was waiting in a line of traffic at the junction of the M40 and the A422 Erment Way at about 7.55am on November 18.

Take lock tour

BANBURY: People will be able to walk along the bottom of the drained Banbury Lock this weekend and see the exposed 200-year-old brickwork.

Canal & River Trust experts must repair the gates while the lock is dry for seven days.

Walks will be between 10am and 4pm on both days.

Tree-mendous spectacle

Church to host its second annual Christmas Tree fair this weekend for hospice

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THE lights of festive ornaments will sparkle again in Adderbury as the village's church is set to host its Christmas Tree Festival for the second time.

St Mary's Church will host 40 decorated Christmas trees between December 4 and 6.

All are sponsored by local organisations, businesses and groups and will be decorated in fun, creative and imaginative ways.

Visitors will be able to vote for their favourite tree, enjoy the music and sip mulled wine as they stroll around the display.

Hundreds of people attended the festival over the course of three days last year.

Ray Robinson, one of the organisers, said: "St Mary's makes a wonderful setting for a Christmas tree festival."

"As well as looking at the beautiful trees on display, visitors can explore the church and enjoy some seasonal refreshments and musical entertainment. It's a great way to start the festive season."

"We are incredibly grateful to our sponsors for their support: Banbury Litho, Bloor Homes, David Wilson Homes, Gracewell Healthcare, The Rosconn Group



and Strutt & Parker."

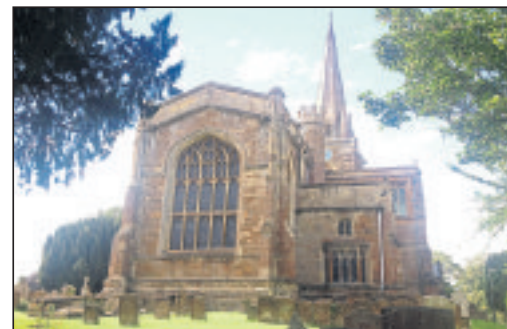
The festival will be open in St Mary's Church, in Mill Lane, tomorrow and Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

It will wrap up on Sunday from noon until 4pm with a Victorian carol concert at 4.30pm.

Although all of the activities over



Some of the decorations at last year's St Mary's Church event



the three days are free of charge, donations will be accepted to go towards the work of St Mary's Church and Katharine House Hospice.



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Appeal is all wrapped up

Treat-filled shoeboxes on their way to those in need thanks to festive volunteers

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MORE than 2,500 goodie-filled shoeboxes have been donated by Banbury residents to those less fortunate this Christmas.

With under a month to go until many children wake up to lots of presents, their efforts have made sure there will be similar joy for Syrian refugees.

Operation Christmas Child district co-ordinator Eunice Harradine said: "We have had a fantastic response this year and on behalf of the children I would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this possible."

This year 2,633 shoeboxes will be sent.

"I am thrilled that local people have given so generously," she added.

"Every shoebox has been lovingly filled and will bring a smile to the face of the child receiving it."

"Many of the children have little to call their own and for them to receive simple gifts like those in the shoeboxes makes them feel loved and valued."

"This feeling stays with them into adulthood."

The shoebox appeal is a national initiative. Volunteers fill Christmas-wrapped shoeboxes with



Operation Christmas Child volunteers with district co-ordinator Eunice Harradine, front, at The People's Church, Banbury

items such as school stationery, non-liquid hygiene items, toys and winter clothing.

They are then checked over and processed over three weeks. In Banbury this will be done at the People's Church in Horsefair before being sent abroad.

Throughout November volunteers

in Banbury have been holding collections and asking families and businesses to donate. They collected 49 per cent more shoeboxes this year.

Ms Harradine added: "We have had a great team of volunteers, and quite a number have spent longer than they intended to help us finish on time."

Volunteers can still donate by creating shoeboxes online at shoobox-world.co.uk and these will be made up by volunteers in the new year.

Volunteers are also looking for people who can help knit and crochet items for the next appeal and are asked to contact euniceharradine@btinternet.com or 07710 483902.

'Disbelief' at drivers' high point tallies

ROAD safety campaigners say they are "astounded" that drivers with as many as 51 points on their licences are still allowed on Oxfordshire's roads.

A freedom of information request from the *Banbury Cake* to the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) discovered 42 motorists with county addresses had 12 or more penalty points. That amount would normally lead to disqualification.

One driver had clocked up 51 points on her provisional licence, but was not currently banned.

Nicci Saunders, of Eynsham, whose partner, Joe Wilkins, was killed when he was knocked off his bike near Appleton, in 2012, said she could not believe the figures.

Miss Saunders, 42, said: "People who have got large numbers of points should not be on the roads."

"Fifty-one points is unbelievable. I cannot fathom why anybody would have that many. It makes me feel the roads are not as safe as they should be."

In some cases a driver may be banned but still have points which remain on their licence for many years after their disqualification period ends.

In other cases the courts may decide to exempt someone – for example, if the driver successfully argues they need their car for work.

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Drug-addled comedy full of errors and bad taste jokes

THE NIGHT BEFORE (15)

DING dong merrily, get high.

So sayeth *The Night Before*, a drug-fuelled comedy of errors in which a trio of friends encounter the ghosts of Christmases past, present and future in a quest to attend a secret yuletide party, *The Nutcracker Ball*.

En route to this nirvana of free-flowing booze and dancing girls, the luckless central characters endure interludes drenched in bad taste humour and rediscover their brotherly love by overcoming outrageous misfortune on the snow-laden streets of New York.

Four screenwriters stoke the escalating madness with a colourful cameo from Miley Cyrus and the obligatory smattering of pop culture references.

There's a glimmer of genuine sweetness beneath the tomfoolery, which occasionally casts a warm glow over characters as they learn valuable lessons about the power of friendship.

However, we've seen this lunacy many times before from leading man Seth Rogen, most notably in the delightful buddy comedy *Pineapple Express*, which demonstrated a similar affection for illegal substances as an escape from reality.

Santa Claus (Tracy Morgan) narrates the sorry tale of Ethan Miller (Joseph Gordon-Levitt), Isaac Greenberg (Rogen) and Chris Roberts (Anthony Mackie), who have spent Christmas Eve together since 2001, when Ethan became an orphan.

Fourteen years later, the men have grown apart and so must bid farewell to festive tradition.

Chris is a superstar American football player, who secretly injects steroids to compete.

Isaac has an adoring wife, who couldn't be more proud of his transition from goofball to expectant father.

As for Ethan, he has split from his long-term girlfriend because he refused to commit.

He now realises that he wants her back, but she is footloose and fancy free.

The lads go out in a blaze of glory by attending the most exclusive party in New York, armed with pot procured from avuncular local dealer Mr Green (Michael Shannon).

Needless to say, the festivities don't unfold as planned.

The Night Before has some amusing moments, but gags fall horribly flat more often than they hit their target.

Isaac's hallucinogenic misadventures grow tiresome at alarming speed; Rogen plays to type but Gordon-Levitt and Mackie bring a touching vulnerability to their wide boys, who are their own worst enemies.

Jonathan Levine's film is a Christmas cracker missing its snap.

VICTOR FRANKENSTEIN (12A)

VICTOR Frankenstein (James McAvoy) is a student at the Royal College Of Medicine with lodgings in the West End.

During a visit to a circus, Victor encounters a lowly clown (Daniel Radcliffe) with a burning passion for anatomy. A bond is forged and Victor rescues the clown from his cage and asks the performer to become his assistant under the guise of his morphine-addicted flatmate, Igor Straussman.

Together, they blaze a trail in medical science by harnessing the power of electricity to reanimate dead flesh. Success emboldens Frankenstein, who dares to create a fully formed being.

Meanwhile, Igor fans the flames of a romance with acrobat Lorelei (Jessica Brown Findlay), and God-fearing Inspector Roderick Turpin (Andrew Scott) vows to bring down Victor for mocking his religion.

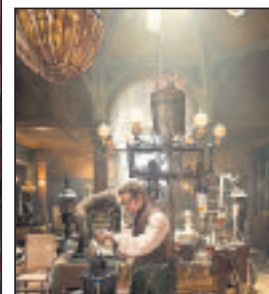
Victor Frankenstein lumbers and lurches rather like the monstrosity that the title character jolts to life.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE COOPERS (12A)

ON DECEMBER 24 every year, Sam Cooper (John Goodman) and his wife Charlotte (Diane



Left, *The Night Before*; below, Victor Frankenstein; bottom, Christmas with the Coopers



Keaton) host a feast of celebration for their loved ones.

Guests include their children Hank (Ed Helms) and Eleanor (Olivia Wilde), Charlotte's father Bucky (Alan Arkin) and sister Emma (Marisa Tomei), plus flatulent aunt Fishy (June Squibb).

This year is no different, except Sam and Charlotte have neglected to tell their nearest and dearest that this is their final Christmas meal because they intend to separate after more than 40 years of marriage.

En route to the reunion, Emma meets an emotionally conflicted police officer (Anthony Mackie), Bucky bids farewell to his favourite diner waitress (Amanda Seyfried), and commitment-phobe Eleanor enjoys a flirtation in an airport lounge with a handsome returning soldier.

Hank struggles to land a new job and his teenage son attempts to impress a high school crush.

Christmas With The Coopers has all the charm of a glass of tepid egg nog.

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Cake Bookworm

EVEN DOGS IN THE WILD by Ian Rankin is published in hardback by Orion, priced £19.99 (ebook £9.99)

Ian Rankin's iconic alcohol, nicotine and rock'n'roll-fuelled (ex) detective John Rebus refuses to let retirement get in the way of crime fighting in this characteristically dark and compelling tale from the underside of Edinburgh. The oddly loveable curmudgeon returns to help discover what (if anything) links a gangland feud with the murder of a top lawyer, especially as his long-term sparring partner, granite-hewn underworld fixture "Big Ger" Cafferty, seems to be involved. UK

crime king Rankin borrows heavily from real life in what is, in places, a bleak and harrowing tale even by his standards and shines a piercing light into an underside of Scotland's capital that doesn't make the Festival brochures or guide books. Fans will be able to slip into Rebus' 20th outing like a pair of comfy slippers, while new readers get a taut and satisfying crime thriller that it is hard to put down.

THE YELLOW DIAMOND by Andrew Martin is published in hardback by Faber & Faber, priced £14.99 (ebook £5.69)

Author and journalist Andrew Mar-

tin whisks us into the world of London's super-rich, for this sophisticated tale of money laundering, jewel theft and murder. It opens with the shooting of a top detective investigating the shady dealings of billionaires. Enter his successor DI Blake Reynolds, low-key, calm and not a cliché in sight, who makes a likeable and believable hero. Having penned nine thrillers featuring Jim Stringer, a railway-man-turned cop, and various other books, Andrew Martin proves he can tell a rattling good yarn. He also raises thought-provoking questions about why so many of us are enthralled by brands and the trappings of wealth.

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Events

THURSDAY

Witney U3A: Methodist Church, High Street, Witney. At this University of the Third Age meeting, Janet Eustace, former town clerk in Carterton, will talk about the involvement of the village of Oddington in the First World War. 2pm. 01993 779168.

White Horse Garden Club: Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Broad Street, Uffington. AGM and talk entitled 'Damson and Gin' by William Parry, of Wessex Wild Plum Co. There will be tasting and products to buy. 7.30pm. Visitors £2.50. 01367 820251.

FRIDAY

Christmas tree festival: St Mary's Church, Church Street, Bloxham. St Mary's will once again present a stunning spectacle – full of brightly lit and beautifully decorated Christmas trees from Friday to Sunday. Refreshments will be available in the parish rooms nearby, musical performances throughout the weekend and lots of fun activities for children. 11am. £2.50 for adults, free for under 16s.

Christmas tree festival: St Mary's Church, 1 Mill Lane, Adderbury. The church will be transformed into a glittering Christmas wonderland and will be open to the public on Friday and Saturday from 10am-4pm and Sunday from noon until 4pm. The finale will be a Victorian carol service at 4.30pm on Sunday. All the trees are sponsored by local organisations. Visitors can vote for their favourite tree. Entrance is free but donations will go towards the work of St Mary's and Katharine House Hospice.

SATURDAY

Santa steam specials: Chinnor and Princes Risborough Railway, Station Approach, Station Road, Chinnor. Take a festive train ride and meet Santa on one of the steam specials that is on during December. Every fare-paying child will receive a present from Santa and his elves. Also Sunday. Adults £9, children £8. See chinnorrailway.co.uk

Christmas fair: European School, Thame Lane, Culham. Pick up a bargain at the flea market or create a gift at the pottery workshop at the chapel. Enjoy seasonal food and drink, plus fun activities for children and a hamper raffle. Organised by the parents of the European School Culham and Europa School UK. Free entry. 01235 522621.

Christmas market: Village Hall, Ludgershall Road, Piddington. There will be a variety of stallholders offering handmade craft items and local produce, including jewellery, handbags, accessories, artisan bread, local cheese, meat and fish, jams and chutneys, local beer, homemade cakes and coffee shop. There is also a children's play area outside the main hall. 10am. 01844 238294.

Ramblers' walk: Leisurely five-mile walk via Little Milton starting at the village hall at St John's Church, Stadhampton at 10am. 01865 890829.

Christmas market: Longfields Primary School, Bicester. Stalls, refreshments available and a raffle. 12pm. Free. 074760 95709.

Craft fair: Wootton and Dry Sandford Community Centre, Lamborough Hill, Wootton, near Abingdon. A wide range of locally made gifts and crafts for Christmas with festive refreshments.

1pm. £1, children free. 01235 532816.

Christmas bazaar: Village Hall, Church Street, Wootton, near Woodstock. Includes a visit from Father Christmas. 2pm.

Christmas bazaar: Primary school, Fencott Road, Charlton on Otmoor. 2pm.

Christmas market: Lower Farm, Ramsden. Fifty stalls selling individual, Fairtrade and hand-made crafts. There will be a Santa's grotto 2-4pm. £2 for adults. 01993 868744.

Christmas tree festival: St Mary's Church & Turner Hall, Church Road, North Leigh. There will also be a Christmas market at Turner Hall. Saturday 2-5pm, Sunday 11am-3.30pm. 01993 869195.

Christmas bazaar: Barnes Memorial Hall, Heyford Road, Somerton. Stalls, refreshments and Father Christmas. 2pm. 01869 346868.

Christmas tree festival: St Leonard's Church, Pyrtton Lane, Watlington. More than 30 trees have been decorated by families, local schools and businesses. The grand opening is at 4pm with Father Christmas switching on the lights. There will be festive refreshments and informal carol singing. Free entry. 01491 612788.

Fieldpaths walk: A circular 5.6-mile walk with superb views over the Swere valley. Meet at the public car park at Great Tew, ref. SP3955293 at 10am. Bring refreshments for en route break. There will be a pub at the end of the walk. Assistance dogs only. 07855 170592.

Christmas bazaar: Methodist Church, High Street, Witney. Numerous stalls including crafts, books, DVDs, china, glass, toys, bric-a-brac, cakes. There will also be refreshments, children's craft activities and live entertainment, plus Father Christmas will put in an appearance. All proceeds go to charity. 10am-2pm. Free entry. 01993 709874.

Cats Protection fundraiser: Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Road, Abingdon. Oxford and District Cats Protection is holding its Christmas bazaar to raise funds for the cats and kittens in its care. There will be the charity's goods for sale, Christmas cards, bric-a-brac, books, tombola and a cake stall. 2pm. Entry fee is 50p or a tin of cat food.

Coffee morning: Methodist Chapel, Bridge Street, Bampton. Solve your Christmas present problems. For sale will be cakes, jams, second-hand toys and more. There will be refreshments, a raffle and tombola. 10am. Free entry.

Psychic bazaar: The Clifton Centre, Ashdene Road, Bicester. There will be mediums, arts, crafts, jewellery, chimes, salt lamps, budhas, healing and sound therapy, plus refreshments and cake for sale. 10am. Free entry. 01869 245526.

Christmas market: The Lamb Inn, Steep Hill, Crawley, near Witney. Stall holders will be selling Christmas gifts and decorations. 10.30am. £1 entrance fee to got to charity. 01993 708792.

Christmas fair: Weston-on-the-Green Memorial Village Hall. There will be stalls including cakes, raffle, 'guess the weight of the cake', Christmas cards, handy craft, books and CDs, plus breakfasts for sale. 9am. 07931 550922.

Bazaar: Heyford Park Chapel, Brice Road, Heyford Park. There will be more than 30 stalls, Santa's grotto, raffle,

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tombola, burger van and face painting – all in aid of the Heyford Park Community Garden. 11am. Free entry. 01869 233932.

Christmas fair: The Pine Lodge, Thame Road, Little Milton. There will be handmade crafts and gifts, children's activity area, raffle, light lunches and a visit from Santa. Proceeds will help The Orchard Pre-school, St James's Church and The Pine Lodge. 11am. Free.

Craft fair: Morris Memorial Hall, Kelmscott, near Lechlade. Select the perfect Christmas gift from a wide range of items inspired by the designs of William Morris and from handcrafted ceramics, art, turned wood, goats milk soap, jewellery and textiles from Kelmscott crafters. This event supports the memorial hall, a registered charity. 11am. Free entry. 01367 253103.

MONDAY

Charity pub quiz: The Oxfordshire Yeoman, 172 Wroslyn Road, Freeland. Organised by African Children's Fund to raise funds for the Quentin Junior Academy in Tanzania. Teams of up to six people. 8pm. £2.50 per person. 01993 705272.

WEDNESDAY

We Three Kings: Bradwell Hall, Bradwell, near Burford. Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society is hosting a lecture by Peter Medhurst on music, art, legends and poetry inspired by the Magi. 10.15am. Suggested donation £8.

Ramblers' walk: Six-mile walk via Brightwell Baldwin starting at Cow Common car park, Ewelme. at 10am. 01865 890829.

Film

THURSDAY

Buena Vista Social Club (U): Abingdon Health and Wellbeing Centre, Audlett Drive, Abingdon. Documentary about the the collaboration of some of the greatest names in Cuban music for the best-selling and Grammy winning 1969 album *The Buena Vista Social Club*. Screening organised by Abingdon College and District Film Society. 7.45pm. £6. 01235 521976.

Comedy

THURSDAY

Vintage musical cabaret: The Chequers Inn, Berrick Salome. Celebrate the festive season in style with a three-course meal and musical comedy entertainment with international cabaret chanteuse Baroness Maria von Hackemann accompanied by Otis B Driftwood. 7.30pm. £29.50. 01865 891118.

Festival of the Spoken Nerd: Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot. Join this acclaimed trio for explosive live experiments and statistically significant laughter. For ages 14 and over. 8pm. £16, concessions £14. 01235 515144.

SATURDAY

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Dance

THURSDAY

Sequence and ballroom dancing: Woodstock Social Club, 44 Oxford Street. Teaching from 7.30-8.45pm, practise what you have learned until 10 30pm. £2. 01993 811473.

SATURDAY

Oxford Historical Dance Society: St John's Church Hall, Kidlington (behind Sainsbury's). Enjoy learning country dances from the mid 1600s and 1700s. These can be slow or lively with interesting patterns. You are welcome to wear appropriate costume but this is optional. There is no need to bring a partner. Bring food and soft drinks. 10.30am. £25, students £10. 01225 344353.

Christmas ceilidh: Village Hall, Main Street, Grove. No experience is necessary and it is a great way of meeting new friends. It will be hosted by White Horse Ceilidhs and caller Gareth Morris. Quintessence will sing barbershop during half time and there will be a licensed bar with real ale. 8pm. Adults £7, under 16s £3.50. 07855 548512.

Music

FRIDAY

Flights of Helios: Cornerstone Arts Centre, 25 Station Road, Didcot. The Oxford band play a pared-down acoustic set in the cafe bar. With support from Huck. 8pm. Pay what you want.

Orpheus in the Underworld: Methodist Church, Upper Road, Kennington. Kennington and District United Church Choirs will perform a concert version of Offenbach's work. 7.30pm. Free, but there will be a collection for Action for Children. 01865 735885.

Jazz in Woodstock: Woodstock Social Club, 44 Oxford Street. Live sessions from 8.30pm onwards. Suggested donation £5. 01993 812094

SATURDAY

Handel's Messiah: St Mary's Church, Church Street, Chipping Norton. The piece will be performed by the Chipping Norton Choral Society and the Cotswold Baroque Players, conducted by Peter Hunt. 7.30pm. £12 in advance, £15 on the door, under 14s free. 01869 338586.

Christmas concert: St Leonard's Church, Church Street, Eynsham. Eynsham Choral Society's event includes Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols and works by Fauré and Parry. Conducted by Stuart Dunlop, with soloists Samantha Price, Sarah Goss,

and organist Tom Primrose. 7.30pm. £12, £10 concessions. 01865 430118. Tickets on the door subject to availability.

Freeland Orchestra: The King's School, New Yatt Road, Witney. This will be a joint concert with West Oxfordshire Winds and West Oxfordshire Clarinets, presenting a varied programme including excerpts from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker*, Mozart's *Magic Flute*, Strauss's *Emperor Waltzes* along with dance music and film themes. 7.30pm. £5, under-18s free. 01993 883379.

Didcot Choral Society: St Peter's Church, Newlands Avenue, Didcot. The group will perform Michael Haydn's *Requiem in C* and *Funeral Sentences* by Purcell, made famous by Kubrick's *Clockwork Orange*. 7.30pm. £10, £8, free to school-age children). 07915 094842.

From the Record Collection: Old Mill Hall, School Lane, Grove. Wantage Stage Musical Company presents an evening concert of song, amusement and nostalgia. 7pm. £9, concessions £7; group ticket £45 (online only). Tickets can be bought at Bretts Chemist, Grove; Rowes, Wantage; or wantagestagemusical.co.uk

Christmas Concert: The Beacon, Portway, Wantage. The Wantage Band will be joined by special guests, the Reading Scottish Pipe Band and singer Fiona Bennett. 7.30pm. Adults £9, senior citizens/students £7, children £1. Tickets from Regent Bookshop Wantage; Grove Pharmacy, wantageband.org or 01235 770378.

Paul McClure and Colin Macnee: Two active members of the folk music scene will be playing at The Swan Inn, Shipton Road, Ascott-under-Wychwood. 8pm. £6 in advance from wegotickets.com, £8 on the door.

SUNDAY

Michael Buble tribute act: Hackett's, Wesley Walk, Witney. 8pm. £10 per person. 01993 700858.

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Christmas band concert: Woodstock Social Club, 44 Oxford Street, Woodstock. Witney Town Band will be playing at this event organised by Royal British Legion's Woodstock branch. 7.30pm. Free entry.

Christmas singalong: The Talbot Inn, Market Square, Bampton. Mulled wine and a mince pie for all participants. 8pm. Free entry. 01993 702561.

MONDAY

Fotheringay: Nettlebed Folk Club, The Village Club, High Street, Nettlebed. 8pm. £20. See nettlebedfolkclub.co.uk

WEDNESDAY

Belshazzars Feast: Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Broad Street, Uffington. The group comprises Paul Hutchinson (accordion) and Paul Sartin (oboe, violin and vocals). 7.30pm. £14. 01367 820282.

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Ricky Johnson scored in Banbury's draw at Swindon Supermarine

Banbury keep up good form

Puritans earn a point after Howards sees red

BANBURY United earned a 2-2 draw at Swindon Supermarine despite having to play the second half with ten men after Leam Howards had been sent off. The draw extends their unbeaten run in Evo-Stik Southern League Division 1 South & West to five games. Jon Steedman went close to giving Banbury the lead, before Swindon goalkeeper Matt Bulman was called into action to prevent Ross Adams from heading into his own net. But Banbury went be-

hind in the 34th minute to Ash Taylor's effort. They drew level in the 41st minute when Darius Browne scored from close range. Howards was sent off in stoppage time for violent conduct after tangling with Ross Adams. Despite the disadvantage, Banbury regained the lead in the 63rd minute through the prolific Ricky Johnson. Josh Parsons levelled for the hosts 15 minutes from time but they were denied a win by keeper Jack Harding. **Banbury Utd:** Harding, White, Steedman, Martin, Westbrook, Gunn, McCachran (Bell 75), Nash, Johnson (Joyce 90),

Howards, Browne (Stanbridge 71). Subs not used: Blackstock, Wise.
Attendance: 205.

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Winchester	17	11	4	2	49	21	37
Tiverton Tn	19	10	7	2	28	15	37
North Leigh	19	11	3	5	41	18	36
Banbury Utd	18	9	7	2	41	20	34
Supermarine	17	9	3	5	27	19	30
Shortwood	18	10	0	8	32	28	30
Bishops Cleeve	18	8	6	4	27	26	30
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Taunton Town	15	8	4	3	25	14	28
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Didcot Tn	16	7	3	6	33	27	24
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Wimbome	18	5	2	11	35	44	17
Burnham	20	4	4	12	23	44	16
Bridgwater	17	4	2	11	19	38	14
Bashley	18	0	0	18	7	89	0

Bulls through as debutant Cooke stars

ROBIN Cooke scored a try on his debut as Banbury Bulls safely advanced to the second round of the RFU Intermediate Cup with a 10-3 victory over Camp Hill. Bulls made four changes from the side that beat Leamington in Midlands 2 West (South) last weekend, but it was the visitors who took the lead with a penalty. The hosts got on the scoreboard when Cooke squeezed through a gap to break clear and score under the posts. Alex Stevenson added the extras to make it 7-3. Bulls were unable to pull clear in the second half, with Stevenson only adding a penalty as they made it through to the next round. ● **BANBURY & District Canoe Club** won club of the year at the Oxfordshire Sports Awards. They achieved record results in three national flatwater finals and had six members gain international calls.

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ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

You are trying to run before you can walk, but patience is the key to a successful week for you and your close ones Aries. Time spent on work projects midweek can help you really get ahead of the competition and also shows you who you can and cannot trust. Ring my star line now to uncover a lie told in relationships.

LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

Your house of work is looking really successful this week Libra and, slowly but surely, you start to make sense of recent events. You make decisions which I know are going to change the course of your life. From here on in you get a clear idea of who you are and who you want to grow to be. Ring now for the truth about last weekend's drama.

TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

I can see that others have been trying to control your life and you haven't been putting up much of a fight. Your element of earth helps you to get back in touch with your true emotions and feelings from Monday, so make sure you use these helpful aspects to think about what you want and who you really are. Ring now for support.

SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

Money is at the root of your worries and problems this week, but the issue I have Scorpio, is that you don't appear to have been honest with your figures. In fact, your way of working things out leaves much to be desired. Older faces in your life can help you separate fact from fiction. Ring now so I can build up your self esteem.

GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

You finally start to make sense of who you are and what you really want from your life. No longer do you feel as if you have to tow the line, but you take stock of all that has happened and of who you really want to be. An ex or a face from the past gets in contact with a rather strange request. Ring now for a better perspective on love and relationships.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

I know you have said and done things you are not proud of and I also know that you have learnt much about yourself in the last fortnight Sagittarius. Conversations you have with faces from the past fill in many blanks about what did or didn't happen. Ring now to hear why I want you to act from the heart in matters of love.

CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

Travel plans you lay down at this time help you to work out where you want to go in the future. They also help you find out what and who you need to make you happy. Just be careful of telling lies in business as even while ones will come back on by the time this week is over. Remember your morals and don't be pushed into taking sides if you don't feel you belong there. It could lead to one of the biggest regrets you've had in months Leo. Ring now to hear how romance is so strong this year.

AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

You are going to have to play the role of supporter and help your close ones to come to terms with the news which recently affected all your lives. Fresh hope and inspiration for a younger person hits hard on Tuesday and finally gives you a plan to act upon. Ring now to hear how Uranus pushes you to make a life changing decision.

LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

It appears that your inner circle is changing and those who are in a couple may no longer be by the time this week is over. Remember your morals and don't be pushed into taking sides if you don't feel you belong there. It could lead to one of the biggest regrets you've had in months Leo. Ring now to hear how romance is so strong this year.

PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

You can see you're tired and I'm not surprised with the amount you've had on your plate. Try to take some time out to think about what your needs are rather than trying to facilitate everyone else's desires Pisces. It's the key to you feeling back in control of your life again. Ring now to hear why this week is such a dramatic one in love.

VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

You have not been the easiest of signs to talk to of late, but you have also come a long way from where you were at this time last month. What you are experiencing my friend is a tidal wave of emotions and you would be better to ride it and let it go, than try to control it. Ring now so I can show you how to come out on top.

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23 DECEMBER 2015

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a further period during which comments may be made on the Supplementary Environmental Statement deposited with the Additional Provision (SES3) and the Environmental Statement relating to the Additional Provision (AP4 ES) is being provided.
2. The published notice stated that persons who wish to make comments on the SES3 and AP4 ES should send them on or before 27 November 2015. **A further period within which such comments may be made is being provided which will expire on 23 December 2015** and details of how to submit any comments or further comments are given in paragraph 9 below.
3. Document 3.5.1.10.1 - Volume 5 Technical Appendices: Transport Assessment (TR-001-000) - of the SES3 and AP4 ES (“the Transport Assessment”) as deposited for public inspection from 16 October 2015 at the offices and libraries mentioned in paragraphs 5 and 6 below included some errors in the baseline information and data relating to traffic impacts on certain roads and junctions within the following Community Forum Areas:
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- 3.7 15 (Greatworth to Lower Boddington).
4. It should however be noted that the assessment itself was based on the correct data and the effects described in Volume 2 of the SES 3 and AP4 ES: Community Forum Area Reports therefore remain unchanged.
5. A corrected Transport Assessment (with corrected text highlighted in yellow) has been made available for public inspection since 4 November 2015 at the offices and libraries at which copies of the SES3 and AP4 ES (together with copies of the Non-Technical Summary, Additional Provision Amendments, Plans and Sections and Book of Reference and Bill) have been made available and which are set out in Parts I and II respectively of the Schedule to this notice.
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- Amersham Library, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, HP6 5AH
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In brief

■ A RANGE Rover Sport designed and first owned by David Beckham is to be auctioned. The 2007 supercharged V8 model was customised and upgraded to the former England captain's specification by Kahn Conversions at a cost of around £100,000, but at auction the 62,000-mile car is expected to reach £25,000. Unique interior trim includes black quilted leather seats and 'Beckham' logos on the floor mats. There is also a plaque inscribed "Designed for David Beckham". Twin rear screens would have allowed the young Beckhams to watch movies. The auction is scheduled for Warwickshire Exhibition Centre on December 5.

■ The first right-hand drive Jaguar E-Type Fixed Head Coupe ever made has been driven to its maximum on the German autobahn in an attempt to match its 150mph record speed. E-Type chassis 860001, which was restored in the early 2000s by Shropshire-based Classic Motor Cars Ltd (CMC), hit 146mph on the German autobahn while attempting to mimic an achievement set in 1961 in Belgium. It was driven by British Hill Climb Champion David Franklin.

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THE arrival of the Vauxhall Viva in 1963 marked the Duffys' first real family car.

After years of cramming a family of four into one of the original Minis, for the first time the no-nonsense Viva allowed everyone to stretch out and relax.

Like its 1960s namesake, the new Viva aims to deliver affordable, economical motoring with a surprising level of comfort.

The Viva joins as the entry-level model in Vauxhall's growing small-car family, which already includes the Adam and Corsa.

It needs to be on top of its game, as its rivals include the capable competition of the Hyundai i10, Volkswagen Up, Toyota Aygo, Peugeot 108 and Citroen C1.

With prices starting at a little over £8,000, the Viva is well placed to fight its corner with four doors and the ability to carry five people.

Well-built and quiet, the little car displays remarkable composure on the road despite its compact dimensions, thanks to a chassis developed in the UK. Power comes from a punchy 1.0-litre, three-cylinder engine, which delivers its 75 horsepower through a five-speed manual transmission.

Available in two trim levels, equipment is impressive, with a tyre pressure monitoring system, city mode steering, lane de-



parture warning, cruise control with speed limiter and front fog lights with cornering function all fitted as standard.

An electronic stability programme which features traction control, cornering brake control, emergency brake assist, straight line stability control and hill start assist are also standard across the range. All models also come with six airbags, AM/FM radio with aux-in and steering wheel controls, electric front windows, electric/heated mirrors and remote central door locking.

The test model in upmarket SL trim had electronic climate control, leather seat trim, leather-trimmed steering wheel and 15-inch alloy wheels. The upgraded entertainment system includes six speakers, USB audio connec-

tion, Bluetooth music streaming and mobile phone portal. Options available include heated seats and steering wheel and rear parking sensors and electric glass sliding.

From January the Viva will be available with a system called OnStar which delivers touch-of-a-button connection to emergency services, roadside recovery and smartphone remote control. At a push of the SOS button, OnStar users can request assistance, for example if you witness an accident.

Also via the smartphone app, you will be able to access vehicle data such as oil life and tyre pressure, remotely lock or unlock the car and if the car has been stolen locate it with a system that can also remotely block the ignition.

Survey notes motorists' safety fears

MOTORISTS are more worried about the dangers of distraction posed by technology and social media than drink-driving, according to the Institute of Advanced Motorists' (IAM) first major survey into safety culture.

The Safety Culture Index report is a study of more than 2,000 UK motorists' attitudes to driving safety and behaviour on our roads.

The report has found that while technology will form a fundamental part of improving road safety, it also poses some risks, in particular driver distraction – 77 per cent of people say it is now a bigger problem than three years ago compared to just

23 per cent of people feeling drink-driving is a bigger threat than three years ago.

Those surveyed said text messaging and social media were the two biggest factors threatening their personal safety, with 93 per cent and 92 per cent respectively claiming these to be a 'very or somewhat serious' threat. The next two threats were drink-driving and drug-driving, at 90 per cent and 89 per cent respectively.

And while most people feel talking on a hand-held mobile phone is unacceptable (just 15 per cent said they found it acceptable), some 64 per cent say talking on a hands-free kit is acceptable.

Motorists are also much more worried about speeding in residential streets than on motorways, with 86 per cent believing this to be a 'very or somewhat serious threat' – 24 per cent higher than motorways.

This is borne out by the fact 61 per cent feel it's acceptable to drive 10mph over the speed limit on the motorway but just 27 per cent feel it's acceptable to drive 5mph over the limit on a residential street.

The IAM believes the report highlights the key areas of road safety and police enforcement priority that will command the highest levels of public support.

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